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Summer camp hopes to foster better relationship between Hampton youth, police

July 5, 2016 - Hampton's young people are invited to take part in a special camp this summer meant to foster a positive relationship between the city's youth and police.

Designed to teach teens how Virginia laws apply to their day-to-day lives, the VA Rules Summer Camp is a joint effort of Hampton's Police Division the city's Park, Recreation and Leisure Department, the Youth Violence Prevention Division and the Hampton Roads Committee of 200+ Men Inc.

The camp is for rising 6th-12 grade students and will be held at the Fort Monroe Community Center Aug. 29-Sept. 2, from 8 a.m.-4 p.m. Although there is no charge for the camp, space is limited, so apply [online now at http://www.hampton.gov/2846/Youth-Violence-Prevention](http://www.hampton.gov/2846/Youth-Violence-Prevention).

The goal is to teach teens how the law affects their civil rights, their responsibilities, what happens in a courtroom, and more. The camp is supported by a grant from the Virginia Attorney General's office.

In addition to sharing "age appropriate" educational experiences, the kids will spend the week taking part in fun activities like fishing, swimming and more, said Lt. Jason Price, commander of the police department's Community Engagement Unit.

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